

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Mike Troutman, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:	Eric Greene	Mike Troutman
	Dan Buscher	Kim Tuck

Members Excused: Susan Baldwin, Doug Sofia, and Mark Jones

Staff Present: Glenn Perian, Senior Planner, Planning Dept.
Marcel Stoetzel, Assistant City Attorney
Brad Sysol, Assistant City Attorney
Leona Parrish, Admin. Assistant, Planning Dept.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Remove 28/32 W. Michigan Avenue from the New Business item as the applicant is asking to postpone their request. Stated they are redesigning the project and wish to submit it at a later date.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MOTION MADE BY MR. DAN BUSCHER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2013 HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING, SECONDED BY MR. ERIC GREENE.

ALL IN FAVOR; NONE OPPOSED; MINUTES APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A) **28/32 W. Michigan Avenue** - *(Request from Mr. Matt Bastos, 261 E. Kalamazoo, S-L300, Kalamazoo, MI 49007, on behalf of Ms. Tara Hampton who is purchasing property from the Calhoun County Land Bank. Request is for façade improvements consisting of replacement of 1/3 of South Front Façade to cover brick damaged by previous construction and accommodate new entrance, open windows and create new rear entrance on back façade.)*

Mr. Glenn Perian, Senior Planner spoke with Mr. Matt Bastos on the phone as he is not present here today. Mr. Bastos stated they wished to postpone their application and are redesigning their plans for the façade improvements and will be submitting them at a later date.

With no others wishing to speak, Chairperson, Mr. Troutman asked commissioners for any action to be taken.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DAN BUSCHER TO TABLE THE REQUEST FOR FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 28/32 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE; SECONDED BY MR. KIM TUCK.

ALL IN FAVOR; NONE OPPOSED; MOTION CARRIED.

B) 257 Lakeshore Drive – *(Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, Mr. Robert Christensen, National Register Coordinator on behalf of owners Frank and Dorothy Feinauer who has applied for nomination of National Register of Historic Places designation for State significance and have requested comments from the City of Battle Creek's Historic District Commission relating to the National Register nomination.*

Mr. Kim Tuck stated he wished to support this nomination for the National Register of Historic Places as the property located at 257 Lakeshore Drive (Ward House) is unique in design and is a leader in preservation and structural design and needs to be on the State National Register.

Mr. Mike Troutman stated it is good to see a property having such an historical significance being nominated and also one that is located other than on the north side of our city.

Mr. Dan Buscher asked if they would be entitled to any funding. Mr. Kim Tuck stated he was not aware of any funding being available that it is designed to benefit the historic property eligibility for federal tax incentives and other preservation assistance.

Mr. Glenn Perian stated the Historic District's comments will be forwarded electronically to the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office and that a motion would not be required.

C) Election of Officers for Year 2014 Historic District Commission

Election of Chairperson:

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DAN BUSCHER TO NOMINATE MR. MIKE TROUTMAN TO CONTINUE AS CHAIRPERSON; SECONDED BY MR. ERIC GREENE.

ALL IN FAVOR; NONE OPPOSED; MOTION APPROVED

Election of Vice-Chairperson:

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MIKE TROUTMAN TO NOMINATE MR. DAN BUSCHER TO CONTINUE AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON; SECONDED BY MR. KIM TUCK.

ALL IN FAVOR; NONE OPPOSED; MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF:

Mr. Mike Troutman asked if there was any information to share regarding 17 W. Michigan Ave. that was on last month's agenda and approved for a "Notice to Proceed" for demolition. Mr. Glenn Perian stated there was no additional information.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Mike Troutman, Chair adjourned meeting at 4: 25 P.M.

Submitted by: Leona A. Parrish, Administrative Assistant, Planning Department